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In re application of:

Phalgun B. Joshi, *et al.*

Application No.: 09/295,663

Filed: April 21, 1999

For: COMBINATION THERAPY
USING NUCLEIC ACIDS AND
CONVENTIONAL DRUGS

Examiner: Waitach, J.

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER
37 C.F.R. § 1.114

EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed March 28, 2002, Applicants respectfully submit this Amendment and request continued examination of the above-identified application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. A Petition for a one-month extension of time is submitted concurrently herewith on a separate paper to extend the time for response to on or before July 28, 2002. Applicants believe the current Amendment places the application in condition for allowance.

Please amend the claims as follows: